

**In the Claims:**

Please amend claim 3 as follows:

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3. (Amended) The screen according to claim 1, wherein the apertures are in the form of a line.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-36 are pending in the present application. The Examiner has rejected claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicants have amended claim 3. No new matter has been entered. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment, which is captioned "Marked-Up Version Showing Changes Made By the Present Amendment (37 C.F.R. § 1.121)." In light of the Amendment filed on April 21, 2003, and the following remarks, reconsideration and allowance of this application are most respectfully requested.

**35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2**

The Examiner has rejected claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, the Examiner rejected claim 3 on the grounds that it contains a negative limitation "not dots" that does not define what the aperture is and therefore can not be ascertained by the claim language.

Applicants have amended claim 3. Applicants' amendment is supported by the Specification. *See, e.g.*, p. 11. In light of Applicants' clarifying amendment, the Examiner's rejections are now moot. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claim